

December 16, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Interview of Warren Rickey - WBAP
1600 Grantland Circle
Ft. Worth, Texas
CLL-5963 - ANA-2484
December 17, 1963

Sir:

Mr. Rickey came to Dallas early Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, with WBAP-TV crew. He is an engineer and was assigned to top of Mobile Unit parked on Commerce Street beside City Hall. He had a T.V. camera on top of the truck and could not hear too much of what was said by anyone on the street. He stated he saw some man walking back and forth on sidewalk on Commerce Street side of the City Hall. This was before the armored car was brought to City Hall. Last time he saw this same man was approximately 10:00 a.m. or shortly before 10:00 a.m., and the man was standing in a group of people just East of the Commerce Street Ramp exit.

Mr. Rickey did not know Jack Ruby and later recognized the man from a picture in a Dallas paper, where Ruby was wearing a hat. Mr. Rickey stated he did not see a press pass on this man.

Respectfully submitted,

cc Wallace

C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

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Kr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Interview of Johnnie Smith - WBAP-TV
22 Shadowbrook
Hurst, Texas
BU2-2726 - AM-2484
December 17, 1963

Sir:

Kr. Smith is a video engineer for WBAP-TV and came to Dallas early Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, with other personnel from WBAP-TV. He was in the mobile truck parked on Commerce Street, approximately one car length, West of Commerce Street exit.

About 8:00 a.m. Mr. Smith got out of the mobile unit truck and walked around on Harwood Street to the Telephone Company truck that was parked there. He saw a man standing on Harwood looking up at cables running to third floor of City Hall, where Chief Curry's Office is located. Mr. Smith went back to the mobile truck and about 8:30 a.m. this same man walked up to truck window and asked "Have they brought Oswald down yet?" and Smith said "No". Mr. Smith said he believes he saw this same man again at approximately 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. standing with a group of people approximately 10 foot East of Commerce Street ramp on the sidewalk.

Mr. Smith says he recognized this man later as Jack Ruby from a picture that he saw in a Dallas paper, where Ruby was wearing a hat. He thinks this was a Monday paper. Mr. Smith said he could not recognize Ruby from the mug shot showed him by F.B.I. agent.

Respectfully submitted,

cc Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

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December 18, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry.
Chief of Police

Subject: Interview of
David Timmons, WBAP-TV
1900 Marigold
Ft. Worth, Texas
TEL-3940 - AN4-2484.

Sir:

Mr. Timmons stated he was with John Tankerley, also of WBAP-TV and that they came to Dallas, early Sunday morning, November 24, 1963. They took their camera to the third floor of City Hall and spent some time there.

They also had a short interview with Chief Curry and came down elevator and into basement some 5 to 10 minutes before the shooting.

They were assisted by Mr. Turner in the basement, but still did not have time to get their camera hooked up. They pushed their camera down the driveway to the basement parking area and tied it up to railing to keep someone from knocking it over.

Mr. Timmons said he remembered two cars going out the Main Street ramp but does not have any idea what kind of autos or who was in the cars. Mr. Timmons said that just before the shooting he moved up to their other camera with Venzo and Turner and was behind the camera assisting them at the time of the shooting.

Mr. Timmons stated he did not know Ruby prior to the shooting, and did not see this man in basement prior to shooting.

He stated that since he came in with the WBAP-TV camera, that his press card was not checked.

Respectfully submitted,

C C Wallace

C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

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December 18, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Jimmie L. Turner
6337 Norma
Ft. Worth, Texas
GII-2355 - AN4-2484
WBAP-TV

Sir:

Mr. Turner stated that he was sent to Dallas early Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, and that he was with Homer Venso, and that they had their WBAP-TV camera set up in the City Hall basement by 9:15 a.m.

Their TV camera was located behind the railing on the east side of the ramp driveway. Turner stated he was behind the camera and near Jack Beers. Turner stated he had a press card or press pass, and was not questioned. He said he saw officers searching basement area and checking security early Sunday morning.

Mr. Turner said that he knew there was some question about a third man on the last TV camera to be brought into the basement, shortly before the shooting, and that he could clear up this question.

Turner stated that as the camera was brought into the basement, he climbed over the rail, and joined the other two men (Tankerley and Timmons - WBAP-TV) and assisted them get the camera through driveway.

Mr. Turner stated he saw Jack Ruby just a split second before the shot was fired. He did not know Ruby prior to shooting and does not recall seeing this man in basement.

Mr. Turner stated that after the shooting, their camera view was blocked and they moved their camera to the right of Channel 4 camera, and shot scenes of basement from that position.

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Mr. Turner arranged for me to view the video tape of the Oswald shooting, and introduced me to Mr. Jett Jamison, who is going to make us a film of the video tape. This film will be available soon.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace

C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

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December 18, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Interview of I. M. Walker, WBAP-TV.
6913 Hightower
Ft. Worth, Texas
GIL-5549 - AMA-2484
December 17, 1963.

Sir:

Mr. Walker stated he was in the WBAP-TV Mobile Unit truck parked outside the Dallas City Hall on Commerce Street, approximately one cars length west of Commerce Street exit.

Walker stated that on two occasions the same man came over to the truck and asked him through the truck window, "Have they brought Oswald down yet?" Mr. Walker said he was very busy and does not know exactly what he answered the man. Walker does not know what time the man came by or how long before the shooting. He said there was no way he could establish the time.

Mr. Walker stated he had been talked to by FBI agents and could not identify the mug shots of Jack Ruby but recognized the man that asked him the question "Have they brought Oswald down yet?" as Jack Ruby from a picture in a Dallas paper on Monday morning following the shooting. This picture showed Ruby with a hat on.

Mr. Walker seems positive in his identification of Jack Ruby and said this person came up to his truck window (open) twice, and he saw him from a very close distance.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

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December 18, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Interview of Homer Venso - WBAP-TV.
1812 Junius
Pt. Worth, Texas
JE5-0530 - AN4-2484
December 17, 1963

Sir:

Mr. Venso stated he came to Dallas early Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, with WBAP-TV camera crew, and went to the basement of the City Hall with Jimmie L. Turner, WBAP-TV about 8:00 a.m. They wanted to set up their camera just outside the double doors near Jail Office, but Chief Curry came down and told them they would have to move from there. They were advised to set up behind the rail, and two cars were moved so they could set-up just east of the rail.

Mr. Venso said he was working with camera and was not checked for identification. He said he could not remember any cars going out the Main Street ramp. He said that he does not know Jack Ruby, and did not remember seeing the person there prior to shooting.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

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December 18, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Interview of John Tankersley
WBAP-TV
1967 Milan
Ft. Worth, Texas
GLL-1933 - AM4-2484
December 17, 1963

Sir:

Mr. Tankersley stated he came to Dallas early Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, with crew from WBAP-TV. He was working with David Timmons. They went to the third floor of the City Hall and was at Chief Curry's Office until 10 to 15 minutes before the shooting. They went down on the elevator to the basement and pushed their camera out through the double doors into the basement driveway area. He says their camera was mounted on tripod as high as possible to see over the crowd, making the camera top-heavy, and at one time it nearly tipped over, and one of the detectives helped steady the camera. He also remembered that Jimmie Turner came across the rail and helped them push the camera out into the basement parking area. They did not have time to get the camera into operation, and tied it to the railing.

Mr. Tankersley said that when Oswald was brought out, he was standing in the area that leads to basement parking. He remembers the movement of some autos about the time of the shooting. He did not know Jack Ruby or see him prior to shooting.

Mr. Tankersley gave me a short 16mm film of the shooting. This film is one that he had for himself and said we could have it, and he would make another later.

Respectfully submitted,

cc Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

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